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RESPONDENT.

DOCKET NUMBER WD79016 Consolidated with WD79033

DATE: September 6, 2016

Appeal From:

Lafayette County Circuit Court The Honorable Dennis A. Rolf, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division Two: Karen King Mitchell, Presiding Judge, Cynthia L. Martin, Judge and Gary D. Witt, Judge

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Sabrina Zeller, plaintiff *ad litem* for her deceased son Cody Turner, and Kristen Kantner, appeal from the trial court's judgment dismissing their claims against Cameron Scafe. Zeller and Kantner argue that dismissal was erroneous because each stated a claim for negligence *per se* given Scafe's violation of section 311.310.2.

AFFIRM.

Division Two holds: In 2005, section 311.310 was amended to add subsection 2, which expanded the category of persons who could be criminally liable for furnishing alcoholic beverages. The amendment created a class B misdemeanor for "[a]ny owner, occupant, or other person or legal entity with a lawful right to the exclusive use and enjoyment of any property [to] knowingly allow[] a person under the age of twenty-one to drink or possess intoxicating liquor or knowingly fail[] to stop a person under the age of twenty-one from drinking or possessing intoxicating liquor on such property." Before the amendment, it was settled law in Missouri that neither principles of common law negligence, nor section 311.310, impose a duty supporting civil liability upon social hosts. The 2005 amendment of section 311.310 does not reflect legislative intent to abrogate existing law.

Opinion by Cynthia L. Martin, Judge

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